

REMARKS

A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added. The specification has also been amended to correct inadvertent errors in the Japanese specification. These corrections are apparent when read in light of the whole context of the specification. No new matter is added by the amendments to the specification.

Claims 1-3 have been combined. Claims 4-7, 9-10, 13-17, 19-22, 24-26 and 29-31 have been amended to delete the multiple dependency of the original claims. Amended Claim 1 corresponds to original Claims 1-3. Amended Claim 4 corresponds to original Claim 4. Amended Claim 5 and new Claim 32 correspond to original Claim 5. Amended Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21 correspond to original Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21, respectively. Amended Claim 22 and new Claims 33-41 correspond to original Claim 22. Amended Claims 24 and 25 correspond to original Claims 24 and 25, respectively. Amended Claim 26 and new Claims 42 correspond to original Claim 26. Amended Claim 29 and new Claim 43 correspond to original Claim 29. Amended Claim 30 and new Claims 44-46 correspond to original Claim 30. Amended Claim 31 and new Claims 47-53 correspond to original Claim 31. No new matter is added by the claim amendments or by new claims.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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